GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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MSEB CONTRACT WITH GAIL
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) has entered into a gas supply contract with Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) for allocation of 4.5 MMCMD to Uran Gas Turbine Power Station in Maharashtra from ONGC Uran Terminal.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this allocation of 4.5 MMCMD was reduced to 3.5 MMCMD and later only 2.37 MMCMD gas was and is being supplied t Uran Gas Turbine Power Station;

(d) if so, the reasons for reducing the quantity of gas;

(e) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Union Government to increase the supply of gas to this Power Station;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)&(b) Against its allocation of 4.5 million standard cubic meters per day (MMSCMD), Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB had entered into a gas supply agreement with GAIL on February 10, 1998 for supply of natural gas of 3.5 MMSCMD ex-Uran However, the contract also envisages for supply of 4.5 MMSCMD of gas to MSEB on priority basis, subject to the additional availability of gas.

(c) As against the contracted quantity of 3.5 MMSCMD, the present supply to MSEB, Uran has been ranging between 2.41 to 2.50 MMSCMD.

(d) to (g) Although the Government of Maharashtra sought increase in the gas allocation for MSEB but the gas availability ex-Uran has drastically reduced to around 8.9 MMSCMD in the year, 2001-02 on account of the ageing of the Mumbai High field, while an allocation to the extent of 16.24 MMSCMD has been made to various consumers in the region.Therefore, the available gas is distributed on a pro-rata basis with priority to feedstock consumers.